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Box No. I Basis of opinion

1. This opinion has been established based on the **language** of the international application except as otherwise indicated hereunder.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established based on a translation of the international application from _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purpose of an international search (Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regards to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
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 - ☐ in electronic form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
 - ☐ contained in the international application as filed
 - ☐ filed together with the international application in electronic form
 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search
3. ☐ In addition, if a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed, a statement has been submitted stating that sequences filed subsequently to the application or in addition thereto are identical to that/those in the application as filed, or that no items going beyond the disclosure as filed are included.
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Box No. V Reasoned statements under Rule 43 / 2.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement:

Novelty (N)	Claims	_____ 1-19 _____	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	_____	YES
	Claims	_____ 1-19 _____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	_____ 1-19 _____	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

- Reference 1: JP 11-162787 A (Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.) 18 June 1999,
claims, paragraphs [0023], [0033]-[0039], [0047]-[0052], and FIG. 1 (no patent family)
- Reference 2: JP 2001-307966 A (Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.) 02 November 2001,
claims, paragraphs [0030]-[0035] (no patent family)
- Reference 3: JP 07-216330 A (Hokuriku Toryo KK) 15 August 1995,
claims, paragraph [0016] (no patent family)
- Reference 4: JP 10-004037 A (Toyota Motor Corporation, Ltd.) 16 January 1998,
claims, paragraphs [0008]-[00011], [0015]-[0017], FIG. 1 (no patent family)
- Reference 5: JP 11-154630 A (Japan Gore-Tex Corporation, Ltd.), 08 June 1999,
full text, all drawings
Also: EP 0917166 A2, and US 6359769 B1

Claims 1-19:

In Document 1, as cited in the International Search Report, a polarizable electrode sheet is integrated with a surface of an etched collector via a conductive intermediate layer and pressurized. In the electrical double layer capacitor electrode that is described, the conductive intermediate layer (conductive adhesive) contains a resin component comprising styrene-butadiene rubber and a carbonaceous material such as carbon black or graphite.

It is stated in Document 2 that graphite and carbon black are used as conductive materials in a conductive adhesive for an electrical double layer capacitor electrode used to join a collector and a polarizable electrode. It is stated in Document 3 that flaked graphite is used as a conductive material in an electrical double layer capacitor electrode.

It is stated in Document 4 that graphite particles having a size of several microns and carbon black having a particle size of several tens to several hundred nanometers are simultaneously used as conductive materials in order to reduce internal resistance.

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Supplemental Box

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There is described in Document 5 an electrically double layered capacitor electrode having a polarizable porous sheet integrated with a rough-surfaced collector via a conductive adhesive layer, wherein the pore diameter of the polarized porous sheet is 0.5 to 20 μm and the porosity is 40 to 90%.

Therefore, patent claims 1 through 19 have no inventive steps.

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Box No. VI Certain Documents Cited			
1. Certain published documents (Rules 43 / 2.1 and 70.10)			
Application No. Patent No.	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
JP 2004-186218 A [P,X]	02 July 2004	29 November 2002	
JP 2004-296863 A [E,X]	21 October 2004	27 March 2003	
2. Non-written disclosures (PCT Rules 43 / 2.1 and 70.9)			
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